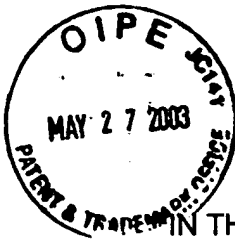


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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003 for one month from April 27, 2003 to May 27, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$55.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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